AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of routing comprising the steps of:

receiving call information for a call associated with a ported number in a circuit-switch device, the call information representing a dialed number;

performing a query in response to receiving the call information;

receiving a routing number in response to performing the query; ~~and~~

terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway;

~~switching a~~ forwarding the call to a ~~packet-switch device in response to receiving the routing number~~ softswitch;

receiving the call and querying a database using the dialed number to determine a network address associated with a packet-switch device; and

forwarding the call from the softswitch server to the packet-switch device using the determined network address.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the query is performed on a Service Control Point (SCP) database.

4. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the routing number is a location routing number.

5. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is Session Initiation Protocol compliant.

6. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is H.323 compliant.

7. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a packet gateway.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a packet telephone.

10. (Original) A method of routing as set forth in claim 1, wherein the packet-switch device is a PSTN switch with an interface to a packet network.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a network comprising the steps of:

receiving call information representing a call, the call information originating from a circuit-switch, the call information comprising a dialed number and a location routing number;

terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway in response to the location routing number;

forwarding the call to a softswitch;

translating the call in the softswitch in response to forwarding ~~terminating~~ the call and in response to the dialed number; and

switching the call to a network address associated with the dialed number, the network address associated with a packet-switch device.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network address is associated with a Session Initiation Protocol compliant device.

14. (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network address is associated with an H.248 compliant device.

15. (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 11, wherein the network address is associated with an H.323 compliant device.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a network comprising the steps of:

translating a dialed number associated with a call to a local routing number at a circuit-switch;

switching the call at the circuit-switch in response to translating the dialed number;

terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway ~~packet-switch device~~ in response to switching the call and in response to the local routing number; ~~and~~

forwarding the call to a softswitch; and

translating the dialed number to a network address in the softswitch in response to forwarding the call to the softswitch, the network address identifying a packet-switch device ~~terminating the call at the packet-switch device~~.

17.- 18. (Canceled).

19. (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 16, wherein the packet-switch device is a Session Initiation Protocol compliant packet switch device.

20. (Original) A method of operating a network as set forth in claim 16, wherein the network address is an Internet protocol compliant address.

21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving call information for a call associated with a ported number in a circuit-switch device, the call information representing a dialed number;

means for performing a query in response to receiving the call information;

means for receiving a routing number in response to performing the query; ~~and~~

means for terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway;

means for ~~switching a~~ forwarding the call to a ~~packet-switch device in response to receiving the routing number~~ softswitch;

means for receiving the call and querying a database using the dialed number to determine a network address associated with a packet-switch device; and

means for forwarding the call from the softswitch server to the packet-switch device using the determined network address.

22. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for receiving call information representing a call, the call information originating from a circuit-switch, the call information comprising a dialed number and a location routing number;

means for terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway in response to the location routing number;

means for forwarding the call to a softswitch;

means for translating the call in the softswitch in response to forwarding ~~terminating~~ the call and in response to the dialed number; and

means for switching the call to a network address associated with the dialed number, the network address associated with a packet-switch device.

23. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for translating a dialed number associated with a call to a local routing number at a circuit-switch;

means for switching the call at the circuit-switch in response to translating the dialed number;

means for terminating the call at a softswitch-compliant gateway ~~packet-switch device~~ in response to switching the call and in response to the local routing number; ~~and~~

means for forwarding the call to a softswitch; and

means for translating the dialed number to a network address in the softswitch in response to forwarding the call to the softswitch, the network address identifying a packet-switch device ~~terminating the call at the packet-switch device~~.